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TESTING THE SOIL SAMPLE"

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Applicant's attorneys respectfully request a report on the status of the above-identified application.

Applicant's attorneys filed a patent application on December 1, 1997 and have received no response.

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